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TO: Mr. Robert M. Gates
Chairman, National Intelligence Council
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

SUBJECT: Request for SNIE (U)

1. (S) Major General Bradley C. Hosmer, Vice Director, Joint Staff, has requested a Special National Intelligence Estimate on "Drug-Related Threats to US Security Interests." The request stems from discussions among senior Defense Department officials on the Defense role in fighting drug traffic to the US and to friendly/allied countries. They concluded that sufficient information was not available on the drug-related threat to US security interests on which to base military advice.

2. (S) DIA strongly endorses this request. Various national estimates have dealt with important aspects of the drug problem, particularly NIE 8-2-83, "Prospects for Reducing Heroin Supplies to the US," and NIE 8-84, "The International Flow of Drug Money: Implications for US Policy." There is no national estimate, however, that specifically addresses the extent to which drug traffic represents a risk to the stability of US friends and allies or which attempts to assess the magnitude of the overall drug-related threat to the national security interests of the United States. Because of the increased priority being given within the US Government to the drug traffic problem, DIA believes that such a national estimate would prove highly valuable to a wide variety of senior policy makers and government agencies concerned with the drug problem.

3. (U) I would appreciate your giving serious consideration to this request. Major General Hosmer's memorandum, which gives additional details on the proposed focus of the SNIE, is enclosed.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

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Acting Deputy Director for
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DJSM 1841-84
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR JCS SUPPORT

Subject: SNIE on Drug-Related Threat (U)

1. (S) As you may be aware, the OPSDEPS concluded in their discusson on 4 September that they did not have enough facts on which to base military advice regarding role of DOD in fighting drug traffic to the US and to friendly/allied countries. They have requested a SNIE on the drug-related threat in order to better understand the magnitude of the threat to US security interests. We would appreciate completion of the SNIE as soon as possible.

2. (S) While it would be useful to know whether parts of the international drug traffic can be tied to a communist plot, that should not be the driving question behind the SNIE. Rather we need a clearer idea of what the facts are in response to the following sorts of questions:

- To what extent is the phenomenon of drug traffic a risk to stability and security of US and countries friendly to or allied with the US?

- How does drug traffic sponsor or support insurgency and terrorism and thereby foster instability?

- How would the intelligence community quantify the magnitude of the overall drug related threat to the national security interests of the US or at least how does that threat compare with identified military threats to those interests?

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